COMMITTEE

MAY 25, 2017



Agenda

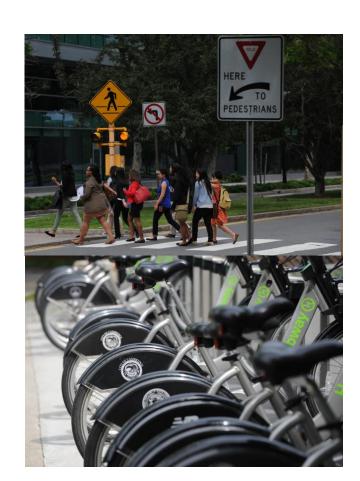
- Welcome + Introductions
- Introduction to Vision Zero
- Outreach and Education
- Ongoing Projects
- Vision Zero Data
- Vision Zero Action Plan
- General discussion
- Goal Setting exercise
- Housekeeping and Next Steps

Welcome + Introduction

Cambridge + Vision Zero

The Cambridge Context

- Population ~110,000
- ▶ 70% of Cambridge residents commute using sustainable modes
- Vehicle ownership falling
- ▶ 37+ miles of bike infrastructure
- ▶ 5 million+ Hubway rides system-wide since 2012 launch in Cambridge.
- Transit Access
 - ▶ 5 Red Line stations
 - ▶ 1 Green Line station
 - ▶ 1 Commuter Rail Station
 - ▶ 34 MBTA Bus Routes
 - Multiple publicly accessible shuttles
 - 250,000 daily trips starting or ending in Cambridge



What is Vision Zero?

- Vision Zero is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries, while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all.
- First implemented in Sweden in the 1990s, Vision Zero has proved successful across Europe — and is now gaining momentum in major American cities.
- ▶ Vision Zero focuses on identifying the steps necessary to meet the goal of zero fatalities and severe injuries and creating the collaborative framework needed to meet the goal.

Why Adopt Vision Zero?

- Changes the conversation to focus on public health and harm reduction.
- Moves away from the discussion of one transportation mode vs. another transportation mode.
- Focuses on goals that are difficult to disagree with, while also achieving other City goals.
- Many of the key elements are already in place/underway

"US pedestrian fatalities rising faster than ever before, study says "

Why Adopt Vision Zero?

Vision Zero is a Public Health Issue.

Each year, more than 40,000 people are killed in traffic crashes, a preventable epidemic that must be addressed with the same data-driven rigor used by public health officials to address any other epidemic. In Cambridge, Vision Zero is embedded in Cambridge's Community Health Improvement Plan, as part of its Healthy Eating and Active Living health priority area.

Vision Zero is a Public Safety Issue.

Traffic violence impacts the safety of the general public every day, with the same negative outcomes we see from crime, natural disasters and other public safety issues.

Vision Zero is a Quality of Life Issue.

Safe streets create a walkable, bikeable environment that is welcoming and safe for people of all ages and abilities.

Vision Zero is an Equity Issue.

Traffic violence disproportionately impacts disadvantaged and vulnerable populations.

US Cities Committed to Vision Zero



City Council Resolution-3/21/16

Resolved	That the City of Cambridge goes on record as committing to Vision Zero, with goals of eliminating transportation fatalities and serious injuries, as well as continuing to reduce the crash rates for all modes; and
Resolved	That the key City departments noted above will develop an initial Vision Zero Action Plan, which will be updated bi-annually (every two years); and
Resolved	That the key City departments noted above will continue to develop yearly updates to the crash statistics and safety analysis, which will provide a basis for developing updates to the Action Plan and generally pursue actions aimed at achieving the goals of Vision Zero.

Nine Components of a Strong Vision Zero Commitment

Political Commitment	✓
Multi-Disciplinary Leadership	Happening Today
Action Plan	In Development
Equity	\checkmark
Cooperation and Collaboration	Happening Today
Systems-Based Approach	\checkmark
Data-Driven	✓
Community Engagement	Started, Needs Enhancement
Transparency	✓

Source: National Vision Zero Network

Progress to Date

March 2016: Vision Zero commitment adopted by City Council unanimously

November 2016: Left-turn restriction in Inman Square

December 2016: Speed Limit lowered to 25 MPH citywide

Two short demo segments of separated bike lanes installed on Mass Ave

January 2017: Began public engagement for Inman Square Redesign

March 2017: Began public engagement for Cambridge Street bike safety

demonstration project

April 2017: Vision Zero included as a key initiatives in City Budget

May 2017: Conceptual design review for Inman Square

Public engagement for participatory budgeting separated bike lanes

Lower Speed Limit





Initiatives Underway Truck Safety Equipment





Initiatives Underway Street Redesign

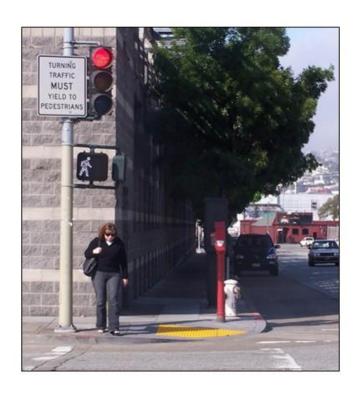


Initiatives Underway Traffic Calming





Initiatives Underway Leading Pedestrian Intervals

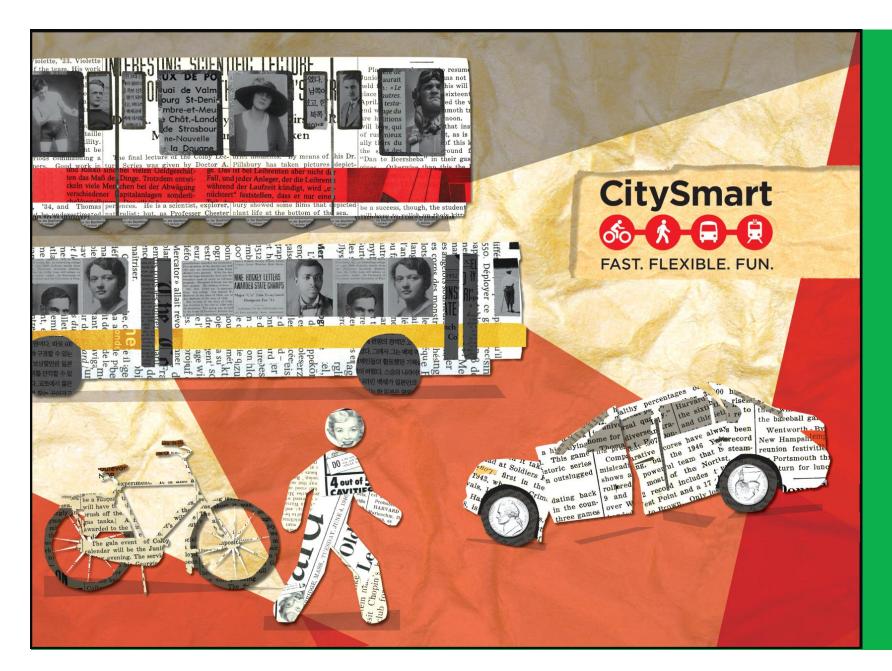


Initiatives Underway Traffic Enforcement



Talking Transportation

What does Cambridge do to talk to people about transportation?

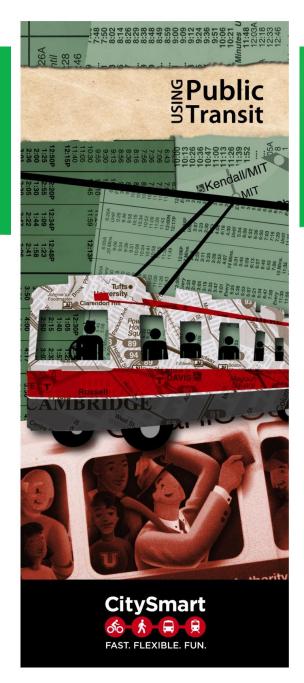


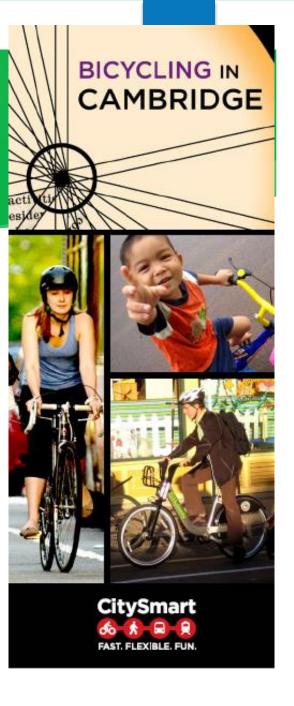
Fun, engaging, educational

brochures and other materials









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Stay clear of bike lanes and



Pedestrians are not bowing pins. Stop for them at crosswalks.



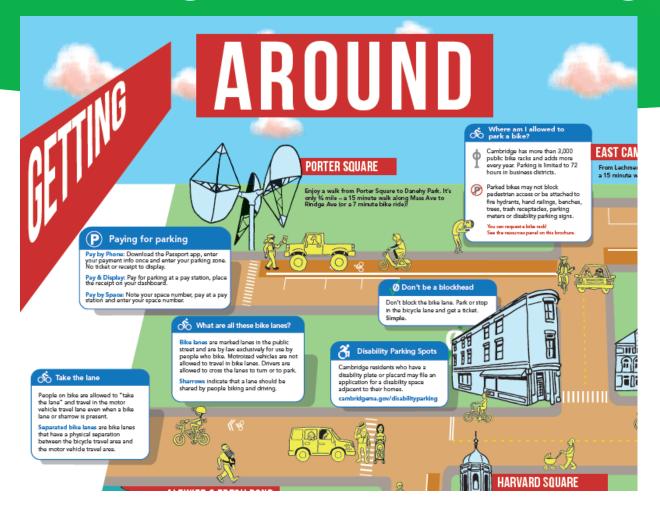


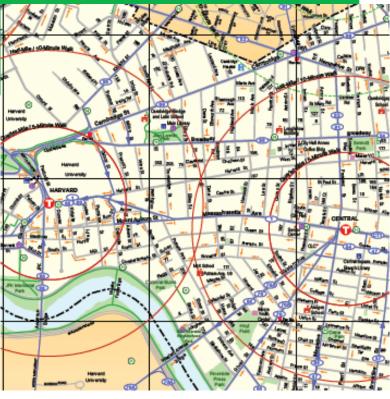


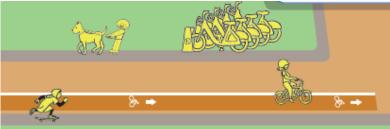


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Getting Around Cambridge Map







WATCH FOR PEOPLE

Intersections and crosswalks are full of activity. Be alert when approaching an intersection or crosswalk and watch out for **people!**



People walking in the crosswalk should watch for people biking in the bike lane as they can move faster than vehicles in heavy traffic.

Be patient. We will all get to where we need to be. Let's get there alive and uninjured!



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People driving and biking

Never pass a vehicle that is

stopped at a crosswalk -

it's dangerous and illegal.

People biking

should slow down

when approaching

crosswalks, especially

during heavy traffic.

People biking should

distance from other

bicyclists, especially

when approaching

intersections.

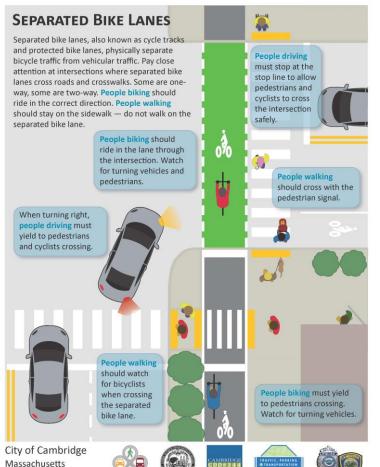
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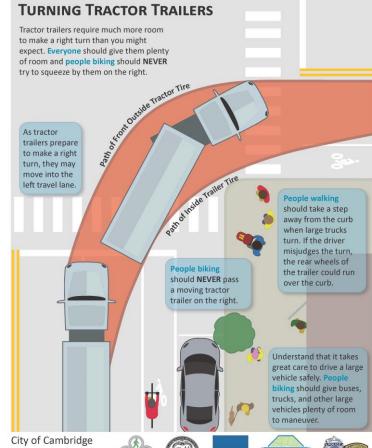
must yield to people walking in crosswalks.



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Cambridge Street Code

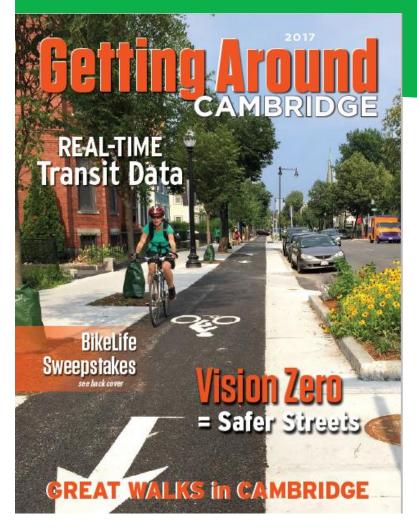




Massachusetts

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Getting Around Cambridge Magazine





Eliminating Traffic Fatalities & Serious Injuries

to learn more about

what the City is doin

ambridge is a vibrant city! Living or working here provides endless opportunities to get out and enjoy the landscape and the City is working hard to ensure you can do so safely. Whether walking, biking, taking tansit or driving, we need safe streets.

In March of 2016, Cambridge City Council ad opted Vision Zero, a commitment to eliminate all traffic-related fatalities and serious injuries while increasing asís, healthy and equitable mobil ity. Since its adoption, the City has been developing an action plan that outlines the steps needed to get to zero.

A key component is lowering the speed limit from 30 mph to 25 mph within Cambridge. Speed is one of the most important factors intraffic safety; crashes that occur at lower speeds cause less injury. By lowering the speed limit to 25 mph, Cambridge joins many of its neighboring towns, including Somerville, Arlingson and Boston, in making the entire region afer.

improvements at key locations in the city. The redesign and reconstruction of Innan Square, currently in progress, will make the intersection sake In terrim improvements, including bic yele markings and left-turn restrictions, are already in place. In Porter Square, improvements to the signal timing and design of the interaction at Mass Aw and Somerwille Aven us will mean shorter wait times for everyone, simpler car movements, and fewer conflicts for people

In addition, work is underway to make significant safety

walking or biking. Through the Traffic Calming Program, which involves designing streets to encourage slower driving, safety improvements are implemented in neighborhood's throughout Cambridge.

The Cambridge Vision Zero Advisory Committee is committed to these projects. We need your help to make it all work: Slow down, pay attention, and get to your destination or fells.

By the Traffic, Parking & Transportation Department

Complete Streets: Western Avenue

Western Avenue, located in Cambridgeport, is a model for the City's Complete Streets initiative. After two years of construction, the congested road reemerged as a sale area for people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving. The half-nile stretch features a raised cycle track that creates a protective buffer between car and bite traffic. New crosswalls, curb extensions and ample sidewalk space are also part of the design.

In 2015, Western Avenue was recognized as #11 of America's 10 Best New Bike Lanes by People for Bikes.





The Cambridge Bicycle Committee leads biannual community bike rides.

VISIT cambridgebikes.c for more informati

Cambridge Police Training

The Cambridge Police Department is committed to supporting and playing an active role in the adoption and implementation of VisionZero to create safer streets for all commuters, in add tion to utilizing a data-driven approach to enforcement and education throughout

Cambridge, every officer in the CPD is learning about VisionZero and adopting new practices as part of this year's annual in-service training





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Hubway Ads





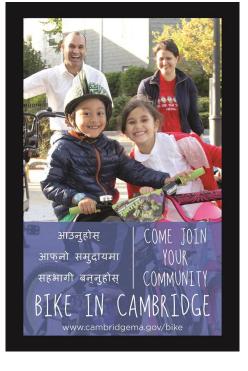












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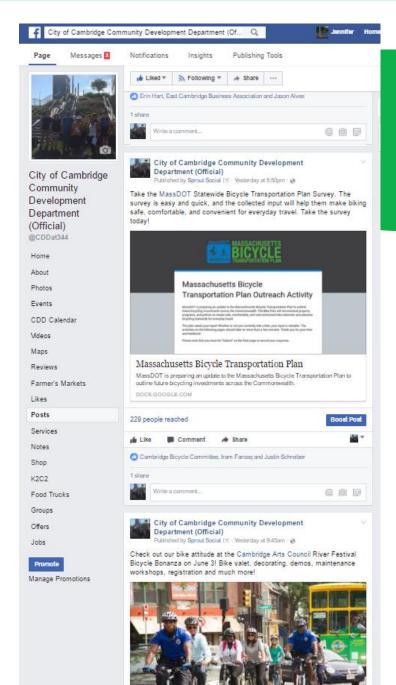




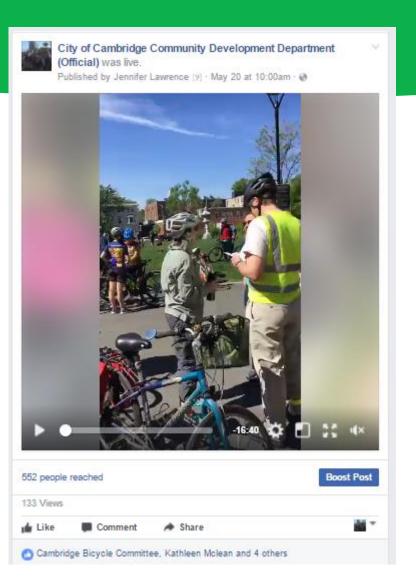
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Update on Participatory Budgeting Project: Separate Bike Lanes from Traffic Open House/Drop-in Hours Monday, May 15th, 2017 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Lobby of the City Hall Annex... See More





Update on Participatory Budgeting Project: Separate Bike Lanes from Traffic

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Participatory Budget Cycle 2 Project: Separate Bike Lanes from Traffic

Funded by the citizen-selected participatory budget, the City will be installing separated bike lanes this spring at two locations near Harvard Square.

Locations: Brattle Street, Elliot Street to Mason Street Massachusetts Avenue, Trowbridge Street to Quincy Street

Join staff from the Traffic, Parking and Transportation and Community Development Departments to review plans and learn more about the project.

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For more information, please contact Brooke McKenna at 617-349-4723 or trafficengineering@cambridgema.gov

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City of Cambridge @ @CambMA - Jan 30 Camb #CambMA becomes #CommunityCompact partner, will develop energy/emissions data dashboard & #VisionZero outreach strategy. Thanks



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Cambridge Police 2 @ @CambridgePolice - Jan 30 We are focused on keeping bike lanes safe & clear. Citations were +18% in 16 vs '15. More at camb.ma/2iL07k4 #VisionZero #CambMA



What's Cambridge doing to make city's streets safer? Improving bike safety in Cambridge is a priority of city officials and residents alike. Numerous initiatives were undertaken this winter at city hall and at th... cambridge.wickedlocal.com

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Cambridge Bike Safety @cambbikesafety - Jan 24 Includes a rep for mobility. Apply now! #cambMA #VisionZero



City of Cambridge @ @CambMA City Manager Louis DePasquale is seeking volunteers to serve on the new City Manager's Advisory Committee camb.ma/2jYPk7k #CambMA

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629 post

540 followers

655 following

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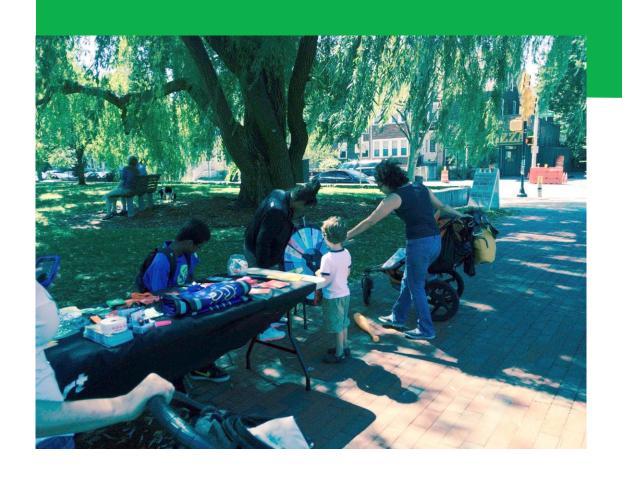




PARK(ing) Day



Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program





Safe Routes to School





Bike Committee Rides





Partnerships

- Healthy Aging in Cambridge
- CitySmart at the Library
- Bike month with the Cambridge Police Dept.
- Cambridge Public Health Department
- Women's Commission
- Commission for Persons with Disabilities
- CRLS Bike Advocates
- PTDM & Voluntary Transportation Demand Mgmt
- Universities

Current Safety Projects

Getting a running start on improving safety

Project Updates

- Inman Square
- Cambridge Street
- Mass Ave-Trowbridge to Quincy
- Brattle-Eliot to Mason

Inman Square Redesign



- 1. Crosswalks outside of desire lines and some not signal controlled
- 2. Existing geometry results in long distance for pedestrians and bikes to travel
- 3. No signal control for Hampshire Street Southbound turn to Antrim Street
- Issues with clearance time for all users

January 20

Unclear lane control on Cambridge Street

Existing Conditions

Inman Square Redesign

Desired Outcomes



- Reduce exposure through more compact intersection design
- Minimize conflicts with turning vehicles
- Provide separation



- Reduce length of crosswalks and signal wait times
- Provide more direct crosswalk routing
- Provide improved pedestrian environment through landscaping and enhanced amenities



- Reduce unnecessary vehicular delay
- Provide clear guidance and lane controls
- Increase efficiency through more compact intersection design



- Reduce bus/transit delay
- Improve location of and access to MBTA bus stops



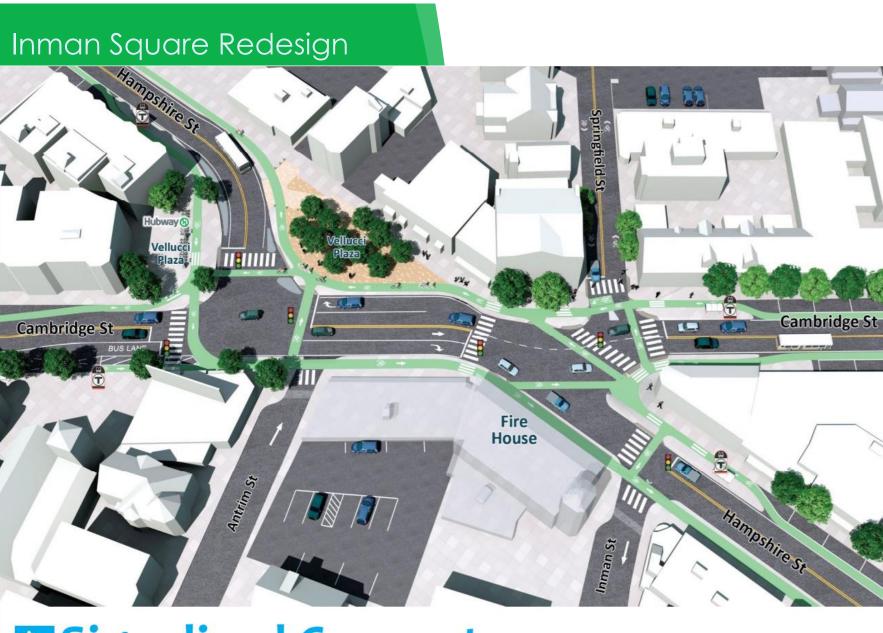
 Provide pedestrian plaza adjacent to businesses



 Maintain truck access through intersection



 Maintain protected firehouse egress/access



Signalized Concept

Cambridge Street Bike Safety Demonstration Project

Harvard Square to Inman Square

from Quincy Street to Fayette Street



Cambridge Street Bike Safety Demonstration Project

- 1. Create one-way separated bike lane on each side of the roadway using existing pavement and curb-to-curb width
- Narrow travel and parking lanes, and remove some parking
- Delineate lane with pavement markings, signs, and flexible delineator posts





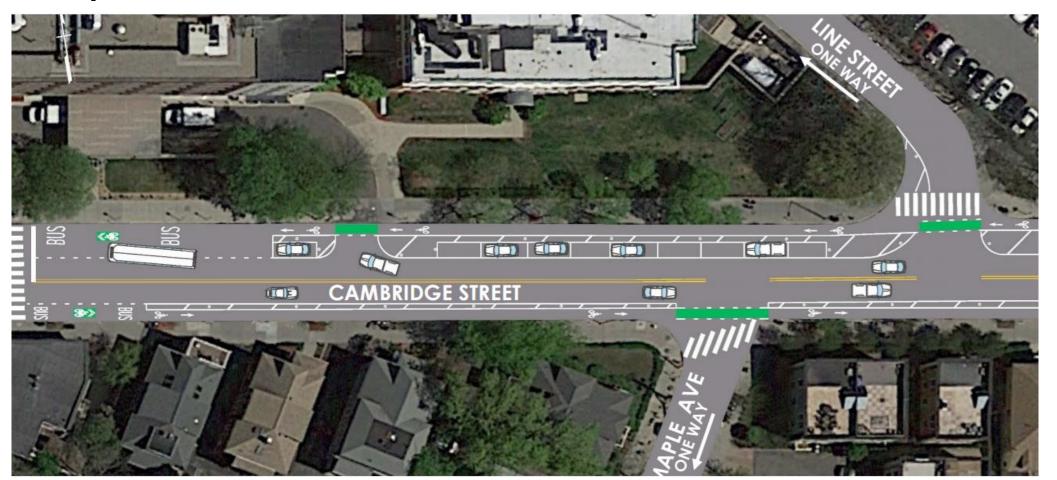
Materials Palette



- √ Signage
- ✓ Pavement markings
- ✓ Flexible delineator posts

Cambridge Street Bike Safety Demonstration Project

Sample Block



Mass Ave Separated Bicycle Facility

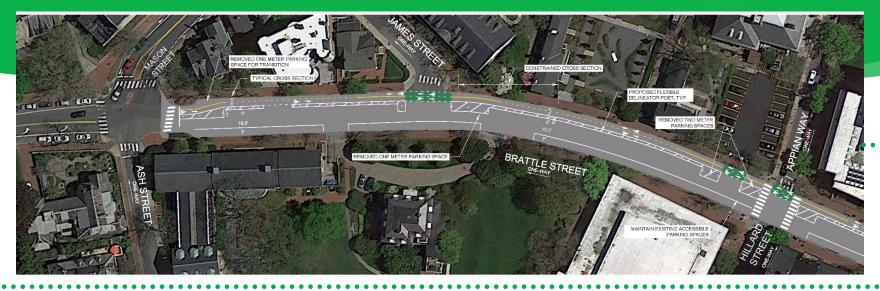
One-way separated bike lane -Trowbridge Street to Mason Street







Brattle Street Separated Bicycle Facility North side two-way separated bike lane- Eliot Street to Mason Street

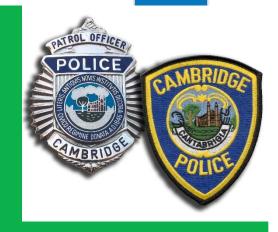






Data + Vision Zero

Looking at the numbers



Crash Trends and Locations

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CAMBRIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

CRIME ANALYSIS UNIT



3,000 CALLS

The Police Department receives around 3,000 Calls for Service to respond to motor vehicle crashes each year.

1,500 REPORTS

Of these Calls for Service, around 1,500 result in a police crash report. A crash report is taken when there is injury or the officer estimates over \$1,000 in property damage.



1 in 5 NEED EMS

About 300 crashes -- 1 in 5 reported crashes -- result in an injury serious enough to require EMS transport to the hospital.

17% NON-MOTORISTS

Around 160 reported crashes involve cyclists, and around 100 involve pedestrians. That means 17.3% of reported crashes involve non-motorists.





90 BIKE/PED INJURIES

Of the reported cyclist and pedestrian crashes, 90 require EMS transport to the hospital: 28% of bicycle crashes and 38% of pedestrian crashes (based on 2015-2016 only).

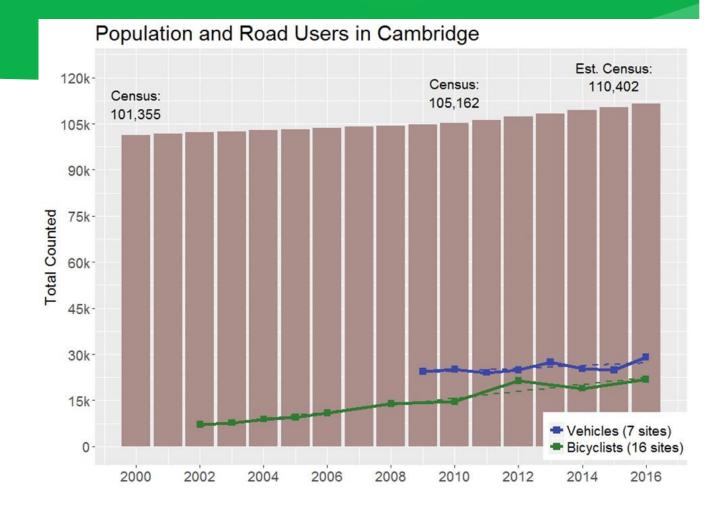
1-2 FATALITIES

While some years have had more, the 10-year average falls between 1 and 2 fatalities per year



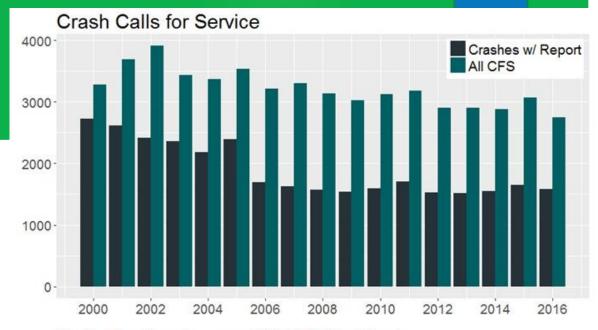
Population

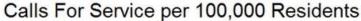
- Consistent Population growth since 2000
- Decreasing proportion of residents and Cambridge-based workers commute by car
- Vehicle ridership is generally stable
- Increasing numbers of cyclists on the road
- Emphasis on crash rates to measure progress of Vision Zero efforts

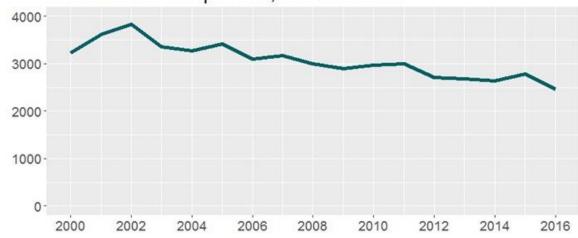


Calls for Service

- Crash Call for Service any request of the Police Department for assistance related to a traffic collision
- Approximates the total number of collisions occurring within Cambridge jurisdiction
- Slight decline in total number of Crash CFS since 2000, but mostly steady since 2012
- Normalizing for population growth, notable decline in Crash CFS Rate since 2002



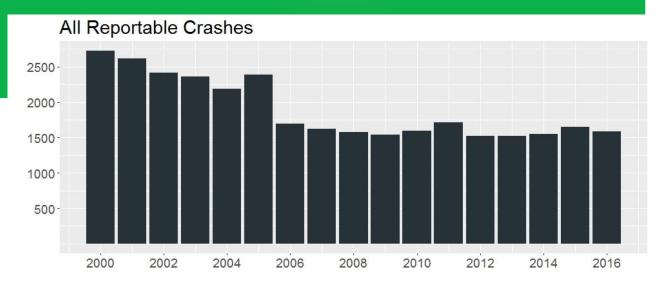




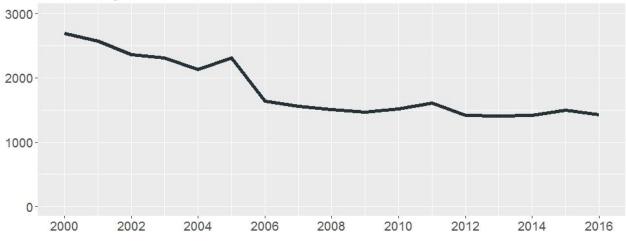
Reportable Crashes

- Reportable Crash any crash that results in injury or a minimum of \$1,000* of property damage (MA General Law)
- Number and Rate of Reportable Crashes falling since 2002
- Sharp decline in mid-2000s coincides with changes in state-wide crash data collection form

*Note: Dollar value unchanged since 1985 and subjective to the reporting officer

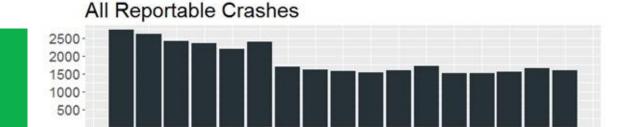






Crashes by Type

- Motor Vehicle Crashes (83%) generally declined
- Pedestrian crashes (6.7%) variable but mostly steady
- Bicycle crashes (10.7%) increased through mid-2000s, but generally declining in recent years
- Normalizing for increases in bike ridership, bicycle crashes have been more steady with a general downward trend



2008

2010

2010

2012

2014

2016

2016

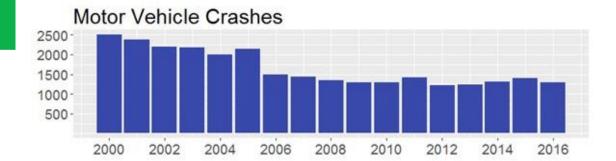
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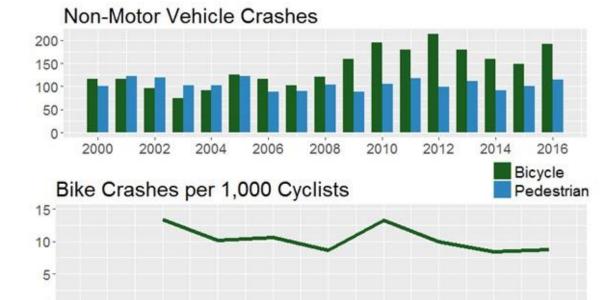
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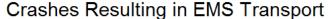
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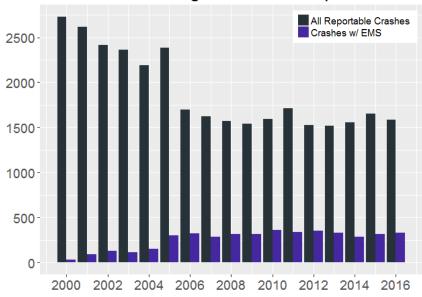
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Crashes by Injury





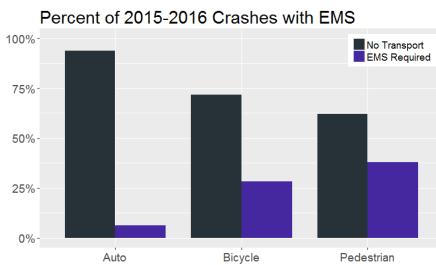
Percent Resulting in EMS Transport



- Approximate crashes with injury as crashes requiring EMS transport to the hospital
- EMS transports increased in early 2000s, despite decreases in reportable crashes
- Increase coincides with increase in bike ridership

and pedestrian activity

 Non-motorists are the most vulnerable users



Locations with High Incidence of Injury

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

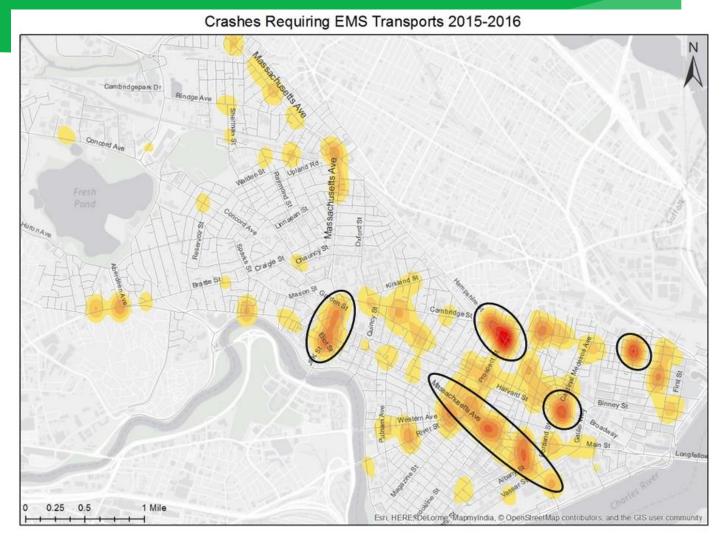
- Distracted driving, erratic behavior (running red lights/stop signs)
- Cambridge & Fifth, Broadway & Hampshire/Prospect

▶Bicycle Crashes:

- Turning hooks, doorings
- Inman Square vicinity, Broadway & Hampshire, and Mass Ave near MIT & Central Square

➤ Pedestrian Crashes:

- Turning hooks, motorist failing to stop at crosswalk
- Harvard Square vicinity, Mass Ave near MIT and Central Square



Conclusions

- > The total number of crashes occurring in the city has declined since the early 2000s, even as population and number of vulnerable road users have increased.
- Normalizing for increases in bike ridership, the bike crash rate has declined since 2010, with more variability prior to 2010.
- A small portion of crashes require EMS transport to the hospital about 20% of crashes since 2010. Approximately half of crashes requiring EMS transport involve non-motorists.
- Areas that are heavily trafficked by cyclists and pedestrians have higher incidence of crashes requiring EMS transport to the hospital, such as the Inman Square vicinity and along Massachusetts Avenue near MIT and Central Square.

Questions and Feedback Welcome

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Vision Zero Action Plan

Getting to Zero

What is the Action Plan?

- Blueprint of actionable steps to get to Zero
- Living document
 - revisit regularly
 - Will change with input from Advisory Committee
 - ▶ Will change with input from the public
- Track progress

Action Plan: Vision Zero Working Group

- Drafted by the Vision Zero Working Group, an internal City committee made up of staff from all departments that play a roll in Vision Zero:
 - Cambridge Public School
 - City Manager's Office
 - Commission for Persons with Disabilities
 - Community Development
 - Health and Human Services Programs
 - Licensing

- Personnel
- Police Department
- Procurement
- Public Health
- Public Works
- Traffic, Parking + Transportation

Action Plan: 7 high level commitments

▶ To reach Vision Zero we will.......

......design and operate safe streets
...... improve large vehicle, taxi/for-hire vehicles, and TNC safety
...... ensure equity
...... lead by example
...... engage the public
...... create partnerships

..... measure our progress

Design and Operate Safe Streets

- The City will design and operate our streets to ensure that people of all ages and abilities can walk, bike, use transit and drive safely.
- Action Steps:
 - Lower default speed limit to 25 MPH
- Grow network of separated bike lanes
- Enforcement

- Special Slow Speed Zones
- Traffic Calming

Enhance intersection safety

- Safer Pedestrian Crossings
- Improve safety for all modes in City squares
- Safe Routes to Transit

- Establish Rapid Response Protocol for fatalities and serious injuries.
- Changing infrastructure, roadway layout, and curb usage to prevent stopping and parking in bike lanes, crosswalks, and pedestrian ramps.

Improve Large Vehicle, Taxi/For-Hire Vehicles, and TNC Safety

- ► The City will minimize the negative impacts of large vehicles, taxis/for-hire vehicles, and Transportation Network Company vehicles, while ensuring they can provide necessary services to Cambridge residents, students, workers and visitors.
- Improve understanding of impacts of large vehicle delivery in Cambridge
- Increase adoption of truck side guards in Cambridge
- Truck safety education for people who walk or bike

Tour Bus Safety

 "Watch for Bikes" stickers Coordination and education for TNCs and car share companies.

Ensure equity in Vision Zero

- The City will ensure all Vision Zero efforts protect people of all ages and abilities, paying particular attention to vulnerable and underserved populations, and help to promote equity and inclusiveness.
- Create specialized traffic safety training programs and educational materials for vulnerable populations.
- Complete roll-out of Accessible Pedestrian Signals
- Continue use of Five Year Plan for Streets and Sidewalks to improve safety, accessibility, and mobility for all residents
- Safe Routes for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- Ensure all Vision Zero outreach and communication efforts reach underserved and vulnerable residents
- Safe Routes to Schools

Lead by Example

- The City will lead by example in all things related to traffic safety. City policies and actions will reflect our commitment to Vision Zero.
- Renewed focus on safety in City operations
- Ensure that City employees are operating vehicles in the safest manner possible.
- Review crashes involving City employees conducting City business.

- Develop and pilot general employee training on Vision Zero and rules of the road.
- Vision Zero training for all Cambridge Police Officers.

Engage the public on Vision Zero

- The City will engage the public to gather feedback on traffic safety related concerns and priorities, educate and change behaviors to improve public safety and public health
- Establish a standing advisory committee on Vision Zero
- Solicit feedback on traffic safety from the public
- Distribute "Watch for Bike" decals
- "Getting Around Cambridge" Magazine
- Raise awareness of Vision Zero initiate to educate to educate and engage with community members
- Support and expand Bike Month activities
- The City will build on its extensive portfolio of traffic safety educational opportunities for all residents who walk, bike, drive or take transit.

Create Partnerships

The City will partner with universities, private businesses, and other local and state entities to improve traffic safety

Create partnerships with Universities, Businesses, and Nonprofits

Partner with local municipalities, state and federal-level organizations

Partner with researchers to support safety related research and test safety related technology

Use Data to Direct Efforts and Measure our Progress

- The City will develop metrics to guide decision-making, measure progress on Vision Zero activities and share successes and challenges in a transparent way.
- Ensure Vision Zero is a data-driven effort
- Develop key metrics to measure Vision Zero progress
- Make all Vision Zero related data available to the public
- Create a Vision Zero Safety Portal

Action Plan: Crosscutting Themes

- Data driven decision-making
- Equity
- Mode shift
- Collaboration
- Public health

Data Driven Decision-making

In perhaps the most important crosscutting theme, the City will ensure that the policies we implement and the interventions we make are as effective as possible by leveraging data to guide policy and decision-making. The City will ensure that all elements of Vision Zero, from infrastructure improvements to changes in policy and strategy are evidence-based and data driven, and that their impacts are measured and evaluated for effectiveness, to inform future projects, and to achieve meaningful outcomes.

Equity

▶ While we have a commitment specifically related to ensuring equity in our Vision Zero efforts, we must be vigilant to consider issues of equity in very action we take related to Vision Zero. The Vision Zero process will consider equity in all planning and decision-making.

Mode share shift

As we promote safe sustainable transportation, we acknowledge that shifting away from single occupant vehicles not only supports Citywide goals related to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and improving our environment, but also supports the safe operation of streets, the health of residents, visitors, and workers, and the growth of safe networks for people who walk, bike and use transit.

Collaboration

Successful collaboration has been identified as one of the most important elements of Successful Vision Zero efforts require collaboration on every level. City department within the City, between government, advocates and residents, and partnerships with the private sector, not for profit organization and Public Health

Discussion

Goals

What does this Committee want to accomplish?

Housekeeping + Next Steps

- Email/Sharepoint site/OneDrive
- Meeting materials
- Action Plan for review
- Draft minutes
- Website
- Next meeting
 - ► Full Committee
 - Other

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It's about saving lives, not about saving seconds

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